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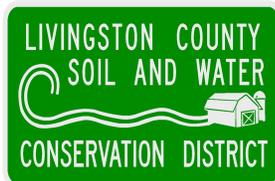
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What Do SWCD's Do?

Districts implement programs to improve and protect New York's natural resources.

- Implement Best Management Practices! (BMPs) on farm and rural lands to protect and improve soil health, water quality, and wildlife habitat.
- Enhance fish and wildlife habitat through! invasive species management.
- Protect private and public property with! stream and stormwater management.
- Assist local municipalities with flood prevention projects.
- Educate developers in soil erosion and! sediment control practices.
- Conduct outreach to communities and! schools to teach the value of natural resource conservation.
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